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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Xiaorong Wang et al  
Application No. 09/889,366  
Filed: July 13, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. P99048US2A

**DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 18, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee on or before April 27, 2003, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed January 27, 2003. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is April 28, 2003.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1330.00, (2) the petition fee of \$1330; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

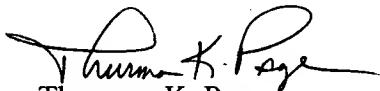
There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be

submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m) was charged as \$1540.00, instead of the correct fee of \$1330.00. An overpayment of \$210.00 has been credited to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-0602.

This application is being referred to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.



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